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LETTER DATED 22 JULY 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement made by the
President of the European Union on Liberia and Sierra Leone, issued on
22 July 1998.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its
annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Ernst SUCHARIFA
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to the United Nations



Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement by the President of the European Union on Liberia
and Sierra Leone issued on 22 July 1998

The European Union welcomes the agreement between President Taylor of Liberia and President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah of Sierra Leone in Abuja on 2 July 1998, particularly with respect to the decisions taken with a view to strongly condemning the continuing rebel activities in Sierra Leone, controlling the activities and movements of demobilized former combatants and calling upon their citizens not to be involved in destabilizing actions against the other State.

The European Union strongly believes that this agreement should be a positive step in the promotion of peace and reconciliation in Sierra Leone and expresses the hope that it will similarly act as a positive step in stopping the cross-border movement of arms and ammunition.

Considering the extremely difficult situation prevailing on the ground, the European Union stresses the need for Liberia to control properly its borders and to facilitate the movement of aid to refugees.
